Viereck's Accountant Describes Payments From Nazi Library

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George Sylvester Viereck's tax expert and public accountant today described to the District Court jury how the defendant received thousands of dollars annually from the German Library of Information—in addition to his salary of $6,000—for such items as "white books" and "special work."

Harry Abramowitz, who said he had known Viereck since 1927 and had set up a bookkeeping system for him, specifically identified accounts of the defendant for 1940.

That year Viereck's salary from the German library was $500 a month, but in addition he received a total of $22,871 under the heading of "other income," the accountant testified.

Entries Identified.

Under questioning by Prosecutor Albert E. Arent, Mr. Abramowitz identified such entries in Viereck's accounts as:

"Special editorial work on books, $1,000;" "literary services, $2,000;" "white book No. 6, $500;" "professional services, $500."

Viereck, who is charged with violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, listed the German Library as one of two foreign principals for whom he worked prior to our entrance into the war. At the time of registering with the State Department he professed to be "literary adviser" for the library.

Employe Testifies.

First witness called to the stand as the trial moved into its second week was Eric Posselt, who identified himself as a writer and translator. He told of being hired by the defendant in 1941 to do rewrites and translations—at 1 cent a word—on materials which found its way to "Facts in Review," weekly magazine published by the German library.

He identified a manuscript handed him by Mr. Arent as composed of speeches by former Senator Rush D. Holt of West Virginia. He said that Viereck gave him the manuscript to type, that it was his understanding that it was to be printed in book form.

The Government, barring further delays, hopes to close its case this week.